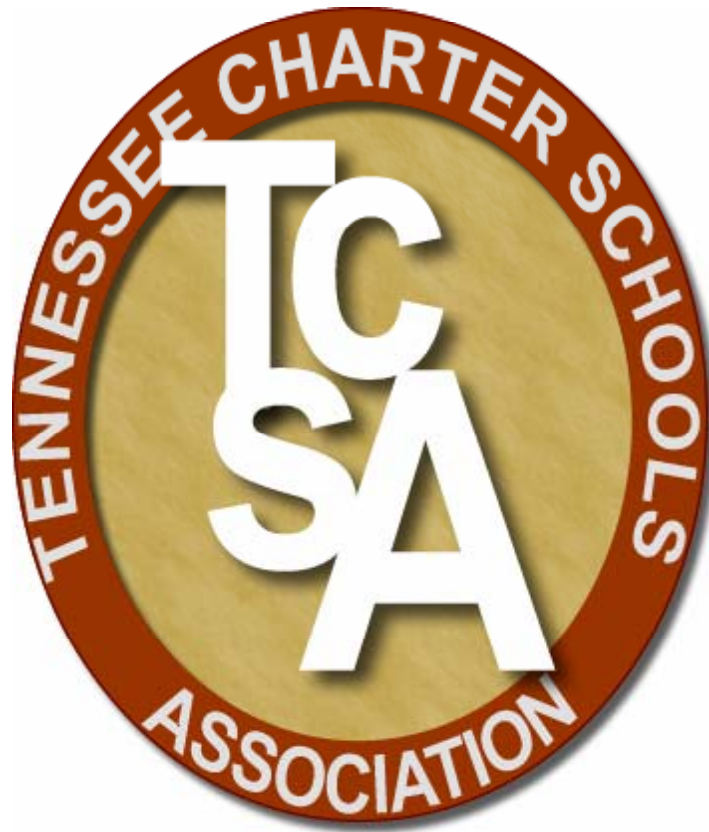


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# Tennessee Charter Schools 2008



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# Who is TCSA?

- Chairman, Steve Bares of MASE
- Derrick Joyce of MAHS
- Sect/Treasurer, Greg Thompson of Hyde Foundation
- Charles Gerber of Promise Academy
- John Eason, Diversified Trust
- Charles Grant, Smithson Craighead
- Sheri Catron, COSLA – Principal Representative for 2008
- Matt Throckmorton, Executive Director

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# 12 total

## Memphis

- Circles of Success
- City University
- Memphis Academy Health Sciences
- Memphis Academy of Science and Engineering
- Memphis Business Academy
- Promise Academy
- Southern Avenue
- Star Academy
- Soulsville

## Nashville

- KIPP
- LEAD
- Smithson Craighead

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## 4 New applicants, 1 in appeal

### Memphis area

- CDC Power Center
- KIPP Diamond Memphis (conversion)
- Memphis Business Academy (high school)
- Memphis Academy of Health Sciences (high school)

### In appeal

- Ivy Academy, Chattanooga
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# Senate Bill 4073/ House Bill 3935

Representative Montgomery

Senator Woodson

- AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 13 and Chapter 850 of the Public Acts of 2002, relative to charter schools.
- BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:
- SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-106(a), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:  
(5) Students who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch, who may only be enrolled on or after April 1 to fill any charter school openings for the following academic year.
- SECTION 2. Chapter 850 of the Public Acts of 2002 is amended in Section 29 by deleting the following language in its entirety:  
; however, such provisions related to the creation of new public charter schools shall sunset effective July 1, 2008, unless re-enacted or extended by the general assembly prior to that date
- SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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# Comptrollers Report

## Some Highlights

- Charter Schools outperformed peers in 46 of 71 subjects.
- Teachers give charter schools higher school climate ratings.
- Teachers have significantly higher perceptions of educational programs.

## Recommendations

- General Assembly to create charter school institute or research center
- Identify Best Practices
- Sponsoring LEA board should meet with charter schools regularly
- Student eligibility less restrictive
- More clearly define responsibility in facility funding, possibly use unused facilities.

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# Day on the Hill – Tuesday March 11

- So far we have over 300 charter school advocates committed to attending!
- We have appointments set with over 75 State legislators!
- We will be addressed by key leaders in the House Chambers, to include Senator Woodson and Representative Montgomery.
- It has been several years since a charter bill has gone through the process. Many legislators have never even seriously discussed a charter school.
- All invited! Please attend.
- Adopt a legislator program.

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# Upcoming projects from TCSA

- Depending on outcome of legislation, Enrollment fairs.
- Data Driven Professional Development for teachers.
- Professional training for charter school boards: How to best support your school leader!



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# Other – opportunities

## Vendors

- Back office support
- Facility financing (30 year fixed rate 6% range)
- Curriculum
- Special Education consulting

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A major focus for the next  
year...

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# New State Standards